

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Susan L. Taylor, one of the nation's leading businesswomen, who is to be commended for her efforts to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri kick off a campaign to recruit new mentors - particularly from the African-American community; and

**Whereas**, the Big Brothers Big Sisters campaign is called "St. Louis Cares-Mentor 700", an ambitious effort to sign up 700 new mentors this year for the organization's Urban Expansion Project; and

**Whereas**, the St. Louis Cares-Mentor 700 campaign will put a particular emphasis on providing mentors for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Amachi Missouri initiative, which seeks to place mentors with children of incarcerated parents; and

**Whereas**, the Editorial Director of Essence Magazine, Susan Taylor is the first woman to receive the Henry Johnson Fisher Award from the Magazine Publishers of America, the magazine industry's highest honor; and

**Whereas**, Susan Taylor has earned numerous honorary degrees and has been active in programs focusing on social causes, mentoring programs for underprivileged children, and rural housing in South Africa; and

**Whereas**, Susan Taylor also serves on the Louisiana Recovery Authority, a board dedicated to assisting the people of New Orleans and other Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina; and

**Whereas**, Susan Taylor will be honored during a special presentation to be held April 19, 2007, at Harris Stowe University in St. Louis:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in welcoming Susan Taylor to the City of St. Louis for the St. Louis Cares-Mentor 700 celebration; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Susan L. Taylor, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Talibdin El-Amin  
District No. 57

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker